

REMARKS

Claims 4-15 are pending in this application of which claims 4 and 5 are independent. Claims 1-3 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and claims 14 and 15 have been added. Care has been taken to avoid the introduction of new matter. Reconsideration in light of the following remarks and amendments is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art in view of Kobayashi (U.S. Patent Number 5,576,643).

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that Claims 4-13 have been indicated as being allowable. Accordingly, claims 4 and 5 have been rewritten in independent form by incorporating claim 1 in order to place this Application in an immediate condition for allowance. Also, new claims 14 and 15 depending from claims 4 and 5, respectfully, have been added, and recite the limitations of cancelled claim 2. The claim rejection has been overcome and withdrawal of the same is respectfully solicited. This Application stands in a condition for allowance.

If there are any questions regarding this Response or the Application in general, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned in order to expedite prosecution of this case.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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